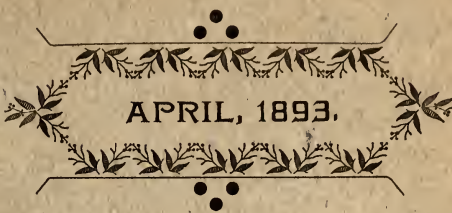


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Easter Day.

Our Easter Services were delightful, beyond all expectation and expression. The day itself was all that any one could have desired. It was a perfect day. It seems as if in this particular, as in others; the Lord had answered our prayers in giving us a perfect day of calm and sunshine for our services, and upon which to celebrate the triumphs of our risen Christ.

For weeks past our people had been looking forward to our Easter Services with great solicitude. We prayed and toiled that this might be a day of triumph and rejoicing to the church, and the crowning day of our labors for the past several months. We rejoice exceedingly that we were not disappointed in our expectations, and that we have renewed unto us the assurance that our God hears and answers the prayers of his people, and abundantly blesses the labors put forth in his name for his honor and glory.

At an early hour on Easter morning, the people began to assemble for the service, and soon every available space in our lecture rooms was occupied. We were sorry that we could not offer better accommodations to the throngs of people who were present. But we take consolation in the fact that before long we will have our spacious auditorium, when we shall be fully competent to accommodate the people who come to worship with us.

The pastor was assisted in the services by Rev. J. P. Lloyd, of the Presbyterian Church, who is a frequent attendant at our meetings, and whose presence is always so pleasing to our people. The regular Easter Sermon was dispensed with in the morning and was preached in the evening. After scripture reading and prayer, and singing by the congregation, and an Easter voluntary by the choir, the pastor announced the names of the applicants for church membership and proceeded to their reception. This was indeed a de-

lightful and gratifying service. At no time previous in the history of Grace Church were so many added at one time to the congregation. It was a matter of special rejoicing to see so many among the number of applicants, who were heads of families. In a number of instances whole families were received; husbands and wives, fathers and mothers and their children. It was a latter day Pentecostal scene; some of the applicants were received by confirmation, some by baptism and confirmation, others by re-profession, and a few by letters. After the reception of adults, a number of children received the sacrament of baptism. At the conclusion of this part of the service, the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The number of communicants was large and the service refreshing.

This Easter Day will be long remembered by the members of Grace Church. It is evident that the church is enjoying a gracious season of grace, a genuine revival. The Lord has indeed remembered our church and in his own time and way has sent the prayed for "Showers of Blessing." With his mighty arm he has vindicated his cause, and blessed the people who had waited before him in earnest entreaties for a special manifestation of his glory, and the salvation of souls. How glorious are the triumphs of our God and his people. The Lord hath done great things for us, and therefore will we anew repose our confidence in him. We shall continue to implore the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit among us in the conversion of souls. We shall pray that the present showers of blessing may only be as the earlier rains, and that the outpouring of the Spirit may yet be sent upon the church in greater fullness.

The church has entered upon a new era of activity. The present indications are that our work for the Lord has now only rightly begun. Many others are standing at the doors of our church, and are available for us. The harvest is plenteous and ripe. Let us, fellow co-workers with the Lord, pray the master to anoint us with the Holy Spirit, and thus equipped let us go forth to do work for the master.

To the Spiritual Children of "Grace Church."

REV. J. P. LLOYD.

As your friend, and at the request of your kind pastor, I speak to you through the Grace Church VISITOR.

While speaking to the children of your church, in general, I have in my remarks more special reference to the class of catechumens, who after examination by the "Spiritual Council," and on the profession of their "repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ," on Easter Sunday last, were received into full communion of the church, and partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The *honor*, dear children, and the excellent *privileges*, thus made yours, together with *duties* they bring with them, may well fill your minds and hearts; and do claim your prayerful attention. "Glory, honor and immortality" are all wrapped up therewith. Even minds matured with years and grace, find it not an easy thing to estimate these things; and no created mind, of man, or angel, can over estimate them.

First. Think of the honor hereby conferred. Perhaps you will see this idea more clearly, in the light of comparison.

Read the story of Joseph. His brothers had in envy and malice cast him into a pit, that he might die there. A company of Midianite merchants came that way, going down to Egypt, and the brothers resolved to take Joseph from the pit, and sell him to them; which they did. These merchants took him to Egypt, and there they sold him to Potiphar, a servant or officer of Pharaoh, the king, and captain of the guard, a high military position. Soon this man appreciated Joseph's virtues and his ability, and the Bible tells us of his beauty of person and of his manners, saying, "He was a goodly person and well favored." And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man, and his master confided in him, and promoted him to positions of highest trust; and the oversight and care of all that he had was committed to this faithful and trusted servant and overseer. "And the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house, for Joseph's sake." See him! brought from a pit and sold to slave merchants: by them brought to Egypt and sold as a slave to an Egyptian master, and

soon admired and promoted by his master, who trusted all his affairs and interests into the hands of Joseph. Was not this a great *honor* to a poor Jewish boy? But earthly honors are not always lasting honors. Joseph experienced this. Soon, by the vicious heart, and shameful falsehoods of a shameless woman, Joseph lost the confidence of Potiphar, his master, whose wrath was kindled at once, and he stripped Joseph of all his honors, "and cast him into prison where the king's prisoners were bound. At the end of two full years Joseph was still in prison. Then by the agency of one who before had been a fellow prisoner with Joseph, and now remembered Joseph as the interpreter of a wonderful dream of this prisoner: and in accordance with Joseph's interpretation of it, this man had been taken from prison, and restored to office and honors by Pharaoh. But now the king himself had a wonderful dream. But he found none that could interpret it. Joseph was then called before the king who told him his dream and desired him to interpret it. Joseph had "shaved himself and changed his garments," and standing modestly before Pharaoh, he answered the king: "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer in peace." And soon again he answered the king: "This is the thing I have spoken unto Pharaoh; what God is about to do, he sheweth unto Pharaoh." And he told the king of the seven years of plenty God would send on Egypt, and then, the seven years of fearful famine that would follow.

Then he advised the king what it would be wise for him to do, for Egypt's good, and the good of the surrounding nations. The king was amazed and rejoiced. "And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants, and he said unto his servants: Can we find a man such as this? A man in whom the spirit of God is? And he said unto Joseph: For as much as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art. Thou shalt be over my house; and according to thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou." Dear children, my heart throbs with joy as I write these things for you. See Joseph in the *prison* one day. The next day see him instructing Egypt's great king in the things to be

done in his kingdom for the next fourteen years. Then see him invested with honors and authority next to those of the king himself. Tell me, is not that "honor" and high honor?

But what honors does Jesus offer to His servants, as the children of His kingdom? He tells us in His prayer to His Father, saying, "Father, I will that these whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedest Me before the foundation of the world." And Paul tells us, speaking of them: "Ye are all children of God by your faith in Christ Jesus, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." And John tells us of the Redeemer and His people, "Unto Him *that loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood, and hath made us kings and priests, unto God, and His Father; unto Him be glory forever and ever.*" Dear children is not that "honor," indeed?

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Easter Accessions to the Church.

RECEIVED BY CONFIRMATION.—Emma Kettler, 90 East Wayne Street; Rosie Dukeman, 233 Calhoun Street; Nettie Richards, 412 East Wayne Street; Hattie Haight, 410 E. Washington Street; Minnie Horn, Hillside Avenue; Irene Murphy, 53 Force Street; Georgie Nill, 177 West Washington street; Lillie Evard, Maysville Pike; Samuel Wertman, Mrs. Rosa Wertman, 237 East Wayne street; Charles Waygood, Mrs. Amelia Waygood, 35 Eckart Street; David Copenhaver, Mrs. Lavina Copenhaver, Spy Run Avenue; John Garrison, Mrs. Janet Garrison, New Haven Avenue; Mrs. Mary Filley, 251 East Washington Street; Mrs. Sarah A. Cutler, New Haven Avenue; Perry J. Archer, 75 Wells Street.

RECEIVED BY BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION.—Katie Romy, 157 Ewing Street; Maud Traxler, Spy Run Avenue; Hattie L. Filley, 251 East Washington Street; Gertrude M. Thompson, 283 East Washington Street; William Cutler, New Haven Avenue; J. E. Beahler, Mrs. Carrie Beahler, 176 Columbia Avenue; Amos Ainsworth, Mrs. Nettie Ainsworth, 245 West Wayne Street.

RECEIVED BY REPROFESSION.—W. H. Habecker, Mrs. Whilmina M. Habecker, John S. Habecker, Minnie C. Habecker, 180 Hayden street; George Thiebolt, 46 Douglas Avenue; Frederick W. Henschen, Mrs. Susie B. Henschen, 222 Francis Street; Peter H. Johnson, 73 Shawnee Avenue; Frederick Schneider, Arcola, Ind.; Charles Segur, Mrs. Bertha Segur, 2 Madison Street; G. W. Campbell, Mrs. Juliette Campbell, 179 East Washington Street; Walter McKibbin, 199 Broadway; August Guilaum, 27 Randolph Street.

RECEIVED BY LETTER.—William Ketler, Mrs. Frederica Ketler, Emil Ketler, 90 East Wayne Street; Mrs. Jennie Weickart, 33 Randolph Street.

Total number of accessions, 47. Six members were received into the church some time ago, making the whole number of accessions during our Gospel meetings, 53. Of this number, 40 are heads of families. The following children were baptized at our Easter service: Zoe Marguerite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cutler; William Theodore, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Null; Grace Amelia, Albert Lafayette, Elmer Lawrence, children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wertman.

Ten Women Going to a Wedding?

Sabbath evening, April 16th, the pastor begins a series of illustrated sermons on "The Wise and Foolish."

There will be three sermons on the parable of the "Ten Virgins" as follows:

April 16, 7:30.—1, "The March of the Ten;" 2, "The Strange Sleep by the Way."

April 23, 7:30.—1, "The Startling Midnight Cry;" 2, "In Haste to Buy Oil When Too Late."

April 30, 7:30.—1, "The Glorious Entrance of the Wise;" 2, "The Foolish Without and the Door Shut."

May 7, 7:30.—"Wise and Foolish Builders."

May 14, 7:30.—"The Rich Fool."

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THE reception at the Lecture Rooms on Thursday evening, April 13th, was a grand success.

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The Pastor's Note Book.

Miss Nellie French spent Sabbath April 9th, with her Aunt Mrs. Gillette, at Defiance, Ohio.

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Mr. Frederick Kline has just returned from a pleasant visit with his son, Charles Kline of Findlay, Ohio.

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Our choir is receiving showers of compliments on their excellent singing. We are glad to hear such words of commendation.

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Mr. George Tait and Miss Lizzie Brogan were married at the parsonage Monday, March 13th. They will reside one mile north of the city.

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Miss Anna Schaefer, of Huntington, Ind., spent Easter Sabbath in this city, and was present at our services. She is still a member of Grace Church.

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Do not forget to provide yourself with some extra change for our Sabbath evening offerings, to assist in defraying the expense of our pulpit paintings.

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Work has been begun on the new Reformed Church at Goshen, Ind. The pastor will lay the corner-stone of this church some time in the early part of the month of May.

Miss Ida Mast spent Sabbath, April 9th, at her home at Bluffton; she was accompanied on her visit by Miss Carrie Souder. They returned on the Monday following.

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George Soliday is now with the Foster Furniture Company. Go and see George in his new place, he will take special delight in showing you their immense stock of furniture and carpets.

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Have you called on any of our families who have recently been added to our church. You will find their names and places of residence in this issue of the Visitor; go and visit them, they will be glad to see you.

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You should hear every one of the illustrated sermons in the coming series. Invite and bring all your friends along to these meetings, and at your home carefully read and study the parable of the ten virgins.

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Miss Bessie Gillette of Defiance, Ohio, spent her Easter vacation in this city with her Auntie, Mrs. French, of 254 Clinton street. Bessie still retains a very warm affection for her Fort Wayne friends and for Grace Church.

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OFFERINGS in the Bible School for the month of March:

March 5...	\$ 5 73	Birthday....	\$ 19
" 12...	5 33	"	97
" 19...	3 02	"	
" 26...	5 63	"	43

Total...\$19 72 Total...\$1 59

CLASS giving the largest amount on each Sabbath:

March 5. Class, Miss Nellie French, teacher, \$2.10.

March 12. Class, Martin Connett, teacher, \$1.30.

March 19. Class, Miss Nellie French, teacher, 80c.

March 26. Class, Miss Nellie French, teacher, \$1.52.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST QUARTER.

TOTAL Bible School collections during first quarter, \$58.13.

CLASS No. 2 gave largest amount during quarter. Teacher, Miss French. Amount, \$14.16. Class No. 11 gave second largest amount amount during quarter. Teacher, Mr. Connett. Amount, \$11.56.

NUMBER of new scholars received during first quarter, 34.

At the April meeting of the Consistory the following gentlemen were appointed ushers for the remainder of the present year. George Soliday, manager; J. L. Horn, James Lonergan, Charles Gumpper, assistants. We shall now hope to see every stranger kindly received at the doors, and courteously ushered to a chair. Paul says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers." It might be well if all of our members would give heed to this Apostolic injunction. Do not obstruct the church doors or aisles, and thus interfere with the office of our ushers. Be sociable; "given to hospitality," but in all things observe proper decorum and a spirit of Christian deportment, giving heed to the sanctity of God's house. By prayerfully observing these things we shall be able to entertain the strangers who come among us, in a manner becoming to the children of God.

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At the March meeting of the Ladies' Society, a committee was appointed to devise plans for systematic visitation. The following is the report of the committee:

Owing to the fact that the calling on the members and friends of Grace Church has been neglected, and in order to promote good feeling and sociability among our people; therefore

Resolved, That the membership of the society be divided into three sections for the year 1893, and that each section serve three months; and

Resolved, That each member will be obliged to make ten calls during each month; six or more calls to be made on members of the church, and four or more on friends of the church, and that at each monthly meeting of the society a report be made of the same.

Resolved, That the members of the sections call on different persons each month.

The division of membership is as follows:

SECTION NO. 1.

Mrs. Connett, Mrs. Zartman, Mrs. Grubb, Mrs. Mary Henderson, Mrs. Katt, Mrs. Mathis, Mrs. Paulus, Mrs. Romy, Mrs. Rudisill, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Neireiter, Mrs. C. H. Gumper.

SECTION NO. 2.

Mrs. Cour, Mrs. Chadwick, Miss Libbie Felker, Mrs. Haight, Mrs. Hessert, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Monn, Mrs. Mary Snyder, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Win-gate.

SECTION NO. 3.

Mrs. Evard, Mrs. Certia, Mrs. C. C. Gumper, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Lonergan, Mrs. Null, Mrs. Soliday, Mrs. Souder, Mrs. Saffen, Miss Katie Snyder, Mrs. Vining.

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Prayer Meeting Topics and Leaders.

April 16. How can we find God? Job. 23:3; Luke 11:9-13. Martin Connet.

April 23. Praying for friends. Job. 42:8-10; Phil. 1:4-10. Mary Rudisel.

April 30. My choice. What is it? Consecration Meeting. Prov. 1:29; Matt. 6:14-24. Josie Zartman.

May 7. True Wisdom. How to obtain it. Prov. 3:13-18; James 1:5-6. Alice Connett.

May 14. Winning Souls. Prov. 11:20; 1 Cor. 9:19-23. Nellie French.

May 21. Tarrying near temptation. Prov. 23:30-31; Matt. 26:41. Carrie Souder.

May 28. Consecration Meeting. Bible ideal of character. Prov. 31:20-31; 2 Tim. 2:15. Eugene Mathis.

Monthly meeting, Wednesday evening, May 3rd.

Our Easter Offerings amounted to about \$65.00; of this amount the Bible School contributed \$28.00.

THE General Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States convenes at Reading, Pa., May 24. The pastor and Elder D. W. Souder are delegates to this meeting from the St. Joseph Classis. Mrs. Zartman is a delegate to the General Synod's Missionary Society which meets at the same time and place.

Israel Zartman, a highly esteemed and dear old uncle of the pastor died at his home near Glenford, Ohio, March 26th. He was aged 81 years, 2 months and 17 days. He was an elder in the Reformed Church for many years, and was always a very active and devoted servant of the Lord. He was conscious to the moment of his departure, and gave assuring and cheering evidence of his preparation for death. He was the oldest and only living brother of the pastor's father. One by one our loved ones are passing away from us, but we shall meet them in the Land Beyond.

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Katie Romy.....80
 Rose Dukeman.....40
 Alice Connett.....30½
 Mr. Connett.....20

SEE who will be first to sell all the bricks in the book. Some have already sold nine leaves.

ALL monies received for brick sold during the month of April should be paid to the treasurer, Mrs. Charles Gumpfer, on April 30th.

A NUMBER of persons have brick books, but they are not selling any brick. We hope that these persons will soon begin work in good earnest.

THE St. Joseph Classis meets in annual session at Grace Church in June.

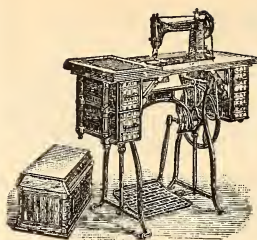
MRS. J. N. GRISSE, of Springfield, O., is in the city visiting her father and friends.

THE Soliciting Committee is meeting with very encouraging success. If you have not yet been solicited, the committee will see you very soon. In our next issue of the VISITOR we may publish the names and amounts subscribed up to date.

EUGENE TYLER, brother of Mrs. Mathis recently died at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Tyler was well-known in this city, as he was a resident of Fort Wayne for several years. Mrs. Mathis and family have the sympathy of their many friends in their bereavement.

THE Bible School at the Salem Reformed Church has lately been reorganized with the following corps of officers: Edward Gloyd, Superintendent; John Warner, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Laura Meyers, Secretary.

AFTER our midweek service Wednesday evening, April 19th, there will be a congregational meeting. At this meeting plans for the new church will be presented for inspection and adoption by the church. Every member of the church should be at this meeting.



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